

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Healings

8²A leper came forward. He knelt before him and said:

—Sir, if you want to, you can make me clean.

³Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him, and said:

—I want to, be clean again.

At that very moment the man was cleansed from his leprosy. ⁴Then Jesus said to him:

—See that you do not tell anyone, but go to the priest, have yourself declared clean, and offer the gift that Moses ordered as proof of it.

⁵When Jesus entered Capernaum, an army captain approached him to ask his help:

⁶—Sir, my servant lies sick at home. He is paralyzed and suffers terribly.

⁷Jesus said to him:

—I will come and heal him.

⁸The captain answered:

—I am not worthy to have you under my roof. Just give an order and my boy will be healed.

⁹For I myself, a junior officer, give orders to my soldiers. And if I say to one: ‘Go,’ he goes, and if I say to another: ‘Come,’ he comes, and to my servant: ‘Do this,’ he does it.

¹⁰When Jesus heard this he was astonished and said to those who were following him:

—I tell you, I have not found such faith in Israel. ¹¹I say to you, many will come from east and west and sit down with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob at the feast in the kingdom of heaven; ¹²but the heirs of the kingdom will be thrown out into the darkness; there they will wail and grind their teeth.

¹³Then Jesus said to the captain:

—Go home now. As you believed, so let it be.

And at that moment his servant was healed.

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